

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA**

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NATIONAL HEALTH POLICY
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has achieved the targets of National Health Policy;
- (b) if so, the steps taken so far to check the infectious diseases;
- (c) whether the largest number of deaths have been caused by these diseases;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the reasons for decreasing contribution of public health services to improve the condition of health sector in the country?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) to (e) The National Health Policy-2002 targets for 2005 include eradication of Polio, Yaws and Leprosy; and setting up an integrated system of surveillance and health accounts and statistics. In accordance with these targets elimination of Yaws and Leprosy is on course. Progress has also been made for interruption in transmission of polio. An Integrated Disease Surveillance Program to strengthen surveillance of communicable diseases and risk factors for non-communicable diseases has been launched by the Government in November 2004.

The Government is implementing National Disease Control Programmes for communicable diseases including Vector Borne Diseases, Tuberculosis, Leprosy and AIDS with considerable achievements. While deaths still occur from these diseases, there is a rapid upsurge in chronic disease risk factors and deaths.